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The drive for a Korean War monument began in November 1984, when students from a Harding Junior High School class in Des Moines wrote the Governor asking why Korean War veterans did not have a memorial.

The monument, erected on a grassy area south of the Capitol, includes a 14-foot-tall central obelisk and eight six-foot-tall tablets which tell the story of the Korean War utilizing words, pictures, and maps of Korea engraved in granite. The monument was dedicated by Governor Terry Branstad on May 28, 1989.

